



Sea Viking 2006 Distributed Operations War Game Information Paper



1. Introduction. . Distributed Operations (DO) is an operational concept that the Marine Corps Warfighting Lab (MCWL) will assess through live force experimentation. The intent behind DO is to provide a relevant additional capability that capitalizes on new tactics, techniques, and procedures (TTP) and leverages advanced technologies, particularly those communications-related. MCWL will examine the Marine rifle squad in the construct of a DO capable platoon. By adding mobility, access to joint fires, enhanced command and control, and training and education, the MCWL will help determine if DO can provide an additive capability for a forward deployed MAGTF commander.

2. Sea Viking 2006 purpose. The purpose of SV06 is to assess an Expeditionary Strike Group's (ESG)/Marine Expeditionary Unit's (MEU) ability to employ a Distributed Operations capable platoon in 2006. This assessment will follow a live experimentation pathway, which includes a seminar wargame and follow-on events to refine the DO concept and a series of limited objective experiments (LOE's) to test the execution of the concept.

3. SV06 Objectives

- A. Identify the mission, enemy and terrain profiles for which Distributed Operations is appropriate.
- B. Identify capability shortfalls in the MEU required to execute Distributed Operations in 2006.
- C. Identify potential changes to echelons about the platoon required to execute Distributed Operations.
- D. Identify issues for follow-on-experimentation and study.

4. Background. Wargaming Division, MCWL in close coordinate with the SV Division, MCWL is responsible for executing the seminar wargame. The SV Division is responsible for the series of limited objective experiments following the wargame.

5. SV06 DO Seminar Wargame. The seminar wargame will be conducted at Wargaming Division on 2 to 4 November 2004. The second wargame is tentatively scheduled for 28 February to 4 March 2005, location to be determined.

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